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Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [2

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Hongkong, 21st June, 1907. [16

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1909. [5

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SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA	OCEANIEN	Magnen	1st Feb., P.M
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TJILATJAP	JAVA	1st half Feb.	SHANGHAI	1st half Feb.
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YORK BUILDINGS, 1st floor,
Hongkong, 4th January, 1909. [13

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Hongkong, 3rd March, 1908. [13

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Yokohama, May 23rd, 1905. [39

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Hongkong, 9th October, 1908. [4

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Hongkong, 7th March 1908. [32

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RAILWAY AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISE IN CHINA.

At the London Institution, Finsbury-circus, last month, Lord Ronaldshay, M.P., delivered a lecture on "Railway and Commercial Enterprise in China at Dawn of the 20th Century."

After alluding to the enormous mineral resources of the country, he said that, at the present time, the vast area of the country was traversed by thousands of miles of medieval communication, but it was in the direction of improved communications that China was making most headway under the stimulus of her growing ambition.

The first railways which were built were constructed, controlled, and owned by foreign Governments, but China soon became alive to the danger of these political weapons in the hands of the foreigner.

After the war between Russia and Japan the changed attitude of China towards Europe was reflected in her railway agreements. Since the Canton-Kowloon loan agreement, loan contracts had been arranged for the construction of two other important railways—namely, for the Tientsin-Ningpo line. In these cases the loans were guaranteed by the Chinese Government, but the railways themselves were not mortgaged as security, and the European experts had no position except that of "employees" in the service of the Chinese Railway Administration.

He was by no means certain that the average investor in these two ventures realized how great was the change in the conditions under which he had invested his money, and probably when it did dawn fully upon him he would make up his mind that next time the Chinese wanted his money they would have to offer him something more than an Imperial edict by way of security.

THE DISINHERITED.

A REMEDY AGAINST ECCENTRIC WILLS.

Nowadays there are societies for the protection of everything and everybody. An association already exists for the Amelioration of the Lot of the Cucumber; another protects the Middle Classes; a third keeps a watchful eye upon sardine tins, and a fourth wages perpetual warfare upon Fogs.

The latest addition to the list is a society, of which Mr. G. W. Bower, of Moorgate-st., is secretary, to protect the sons and daughters of parents who have made absurd or "cranky" wills. As everybody knows, Somerset House simply bulges with wills of that kind; and these are incontestable in the Probate Court except on the grounds of insanity or "undue influence." There is no doubt that sons and daughters and next-of-kin are frequent suffereres by reason of the quaint twist so often existing in the minds of testator and testatrix.

Mr. Bower explains that for no earthly cogent reason a rich man may die leaving behind him a will of the weirdest kind, and children who naturally expect to inherit his fortune. Then his will is divulged, and to the amazement of his just and legal heirs it is discovered that he has left his all to the development of some freak idea like the development of the cork-arm industry, or Christian Science, or providing foot-warmers for lost Druids on Salisbury Plain.

That there is no end to these testamentary absurdities is apparent every week at the propounding of wills in the Probate Court.

A FORTUNE FOR THE BIRDS.

Only a few years ago an unnatural naturalist died and left a large family—and a large fortune—behind him. He was an eccentric old gentleman, with a passion for pottering about the English coast line and watching meditatively the engaging movements of the seagulls. His will was a monumental testimony to his extreme kindness of heart and his extreme solicitude in the matter of sea-birds. He bequeathed vast sums for the benefit of every kind of gull known to British ornithology.

He stated, in the amazing document that was unrolled before the astonished eyes of his legal heirs, administrators, and assigns, that for years he had observed with pain that in the winter the lot of the seagull was an uncommonly unhappy one. Throughout the long wet, raging nights they had nothing to comfort them. Wet and miserable and bedraggled with the flying foam and the tearing spume of the Atlantic, "tossed on the billows of the raging wind," they often came to an untimely end, and died dismal, dank, dripping deaths.

BONFIRES FOR SEAGULLS.

Immeasurably sad was this. But alleviation was possible, and to that end this large-hearted testator laid out his wealth. He directed that it was to be applied for the purpose of providing great coastline bonfires to be set blazing on wet, wintry nights,

whereat cold and drenched seagulls might seek comfort and warmth, dry their feathers, and cheer their spuls at the welcome blaze . . . thereby lengthening their lives, and so maintaining one of the greatest attractions of our beloved, sea-girt Isle.

Meanwhile this eccentric will-maker's children could starve for all he cared; so long as his beloved seagulls could benefit. It was only on the eve of the granting of probate upon this amazing will that another and a later document was discovered whereby the fauna of our cliffs and rocks and headlands were disinherited for some equally preposterous reason—and the children of the rich defunct breathed again.

IN OTHER LANDS.

This is only one instance out of many which Mr. Bower's new society seeks to put to rights. Mr. Bower says that England and Ireland are the only countries in the whole of the civilised world that have no restriction upon the free disposition of property at death. In Scotland a child can always claim one-third of the estate, and even the Mahometans keep a tight hand and a keen eye upon the "cranky" testator and take good care that he does not leave his property to benefit some outlandish idea to the ultimate distraction and "dispossessment" of his unfortunate family.

To-day there are men driving four-wheelers in London who—but for the eccentricity of their parents in the drafting of their last will and testament—might be millionaires, with deer forests in Scotland and ex-chorus girls for wives!

Mr. Bower and his society deserve every success in the prime object which it is their desire to promote—namely, that English juries should be given new powers to revise notoriously unjust wills.

WEATHER FORECAST AND STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here:—

Signal No.		
1.	A CONE point upwards	indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.
2.	A CONE point upwards and DRUM below	indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.
3.	A DRUM	indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.
4.	A CONE point downwards and DRUM below	indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.
5.	A CONE point downwards	indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.
6.	A CONE point downwards and BALL below	indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.
7.	A BALL	indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.
8.	A CONE point upwards and BALL below	indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signal, indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. *Tamar*, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:—

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. *Tamar*.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

These Night Signals will be substituted the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

Gap Rock.	Aberdeen.
Waglan.	Sam Ki Wan.
Stanley.	Sai Kung.
Cape Collinson.	Aha Tan Kok.
	Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

Further details can always be given to Ocean Vessels on demand, by signal, from the light-house.

T. C. FIOCCA,
Director.
4th Jan. 1909.

Intimation.

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Hongkong, 6th December, 1908. [19

Intimations

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AT the Club Lusitano, on the 2nd inst., after the first performance of "The Geisha," One GOLD LADY'S BRACELET, with Chinese Gold Coin pendant.

Owner can have same on application to—

THE SECRETARY,
Club Lusitano.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1909. [62

CANTON-KOWLOON RAILWAY

IMPERIAL CHINESE SECTION.

TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY OF 2,000 TONS OF NAMAZUTA LUMP STEAM COAL delivered duly paid alongside wharf, Tai Sha Tau Depot.

The supply should commence within six weeks of acceptance of tender and be completed within twelve weeks.

Tenders will be received up to January 15th, and should be addressed to the Engineer-in-Chief, Canton-Kowloon Railway, Shameen, Canton, who does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

A deposit of $500, until due and proper completion of contract, will be asked on acceptance of any tender.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1909. [62

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. 977.

IT is hereby notified that information has been received from the Naval Authorities to the effect that His Majesty's Surveying Ships *Merlin* and *Waterwitch* at present at "East Dock Buoy" and "50" Buoy respectively are engaged in taking observations of Tidal Stream off the entrance to the New Admiralty Dry Dock.

Masters of Craft and Coxswains of Launches should keep clear of these vessels and proceed at slow speed when passing, as the wash set up by them is liable to interfere with correct observations.

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1909. [57

HARBOUR MASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

IT is hereby notified that information has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out as under:—

From 4th to 23rd January, 1909:—

From Customs Pass and Chin Lan Chu over the area Kaulung Peak, Tates Cairn, Buffalo Hill, Razor Hill and High Junk Peak, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 10 A.M. daily, and finishing at 4 P.M.

If the weather is unfavourable on any of the above dates, practice will take place on the following day.

All ships, junks and other vessels are to keep clear of the ranges.

BASIL TAYLOR,
Commander, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1909. [61

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Hongkong, 7th March, 1907 [30

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than by any other known combination. So soon as it is taken in accordance with the printed directions accompanying it, will the shattered health be restored.

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THERAPION is sold by the principal chemists throughout the world. Price in England, 2/9 per packet. Purchasers should see that the words "THERAPION" appear on the Government Stamp (in white letters on red ground) affixed to every package by order of His Majesty's Commissioners of Customs and Excise, which is a Security

Sold by all Chemists. [65—0

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

TRADE COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

The Chamber of Commerce has received from the honorary commercial commissioners representing the Chambers of Commerce of the Pacific coast, who completed the formal itinerary of their visit in Japan November 4, an extended preliminary report of the reception given by the Japanese people to their guests. The report, drawn up and sent by four commissioners returning to the United States on the steamship *Mongolia*, was addressed to each of the chambers represented, and was drafted by Mr. E. F. Blaine, who, with H. W. Treat and J. D. Lowman, were the delegates from the Seattle Chamber of Commerce. The report says in part:

"It would be absurd and wrong after the manifestations of affection which were accorded us by the Japanese people, to question the sincerity of their friendship. Every member of the commission realized that it was not the commissioners whom the Japanese sought to compliment, but that through them they were seeking to reach the hearts of the people of the United States.

APPRECIATE AMERICA'S FRIENDSHIP.

"Before visiting the empire of Japan none of us had the slightest conception of the sentiments which the people of that country bear to the people of the United States. Commodore Perry's memory is as much revered as that of almost any patriot who has ever died for Japan. The people of that empire feel that the United States has dealt airly with them and has given them advice which was not in any way tinged by selfish interest.

"They declare that the moral support of the American people and our sympathy during the war with Russia assured them that they would be successful. They constantly spoke of the friendship manifested by our country when President Roosevelt suggested that hostilities between Japan and Russia should cease and an honourable peace be concluded.

"Bearing in mind that only fifty-five years ago Japan was a hermit nation, and that to-day she is a world power, realizing to what extent they have developed their natural resources, and, through their emperor, changed their form of government, established educational institutions, and performed a work more gigantic than has before been undertaken by any other people, we deem any such criticism at this time improper.

ALIVE TO DEVELOPMENT.

"There is no mistaking the onward and upward trend of commerce, manufacturing and education in Japan. She has within her the elements of a very high civilization, and her people are not blind to these factors.

"The commerce of Japan has had a rapidity of growth unequalled by any other modern nation. The Japanese build, man and navigate their own ships, and they have built ships which seem equal to the best that ply the Pacific ocean.

"Many of their manufacturing plants are on a large scale, and are in conformity with the latest models of either Germany, England or the United States. In one of the cotton-spinning factories which we visited the sanitary arrangements were nearly perfect. There was a school for the education of some of the employes and the children of the employes, a theatre, tea house, hospital, boarding house, sleeping apartments, and such employes as were furnished food were given it at less than one-half of its actual cost. We were advised that there were many other manufacturing institutions adopting like measures for the comfort and benefit of their employes.

"While we found the wages paid in the factories small as compared with wages in America, they were sufficient to enable the employes to accumulate savings, as the cost of living in Japan is extremely low.

PLENTY OF WATER POWER.

"Owing to the country being mountainous and having a heavy rainfall, there is almost an incalculable amount of water power that can be developed. Already there are numerous electrical plants receiving their power from this source.

"The mines of coal and copper and oil fields are being developed. In fact, the people seem alive to all the things which makes towards the higher civilization of man and they have the daring and ability to put their thoughts into action.

"Their banking system is thoroughly organized and is a great aid in the support and development of the industries of the country. In fact, Japan's awakening is such and her geographical coal location is so favourable to trade and commerce, that it is probable that there is as little danger of migration from that country to other parts of the world, as there is from either France or England.

"That the Japanese are going to become a great trading nation is apparent. That the material development of the empire is going to make a great demand for all the labour of their people, is quite evident.

NATION HAS GREAT FUTURE.

"We were impressed with the idea that Japan has a great future. The people of the United States ought to be proud of the friends which they have in the Far East. The co-operation of Japan and America is essential to the uplifting of Asia.

"There is more in the Orient, than both of these nations can do and they can afford to encourage the awakening of China and extend to her a helping hand.

"Our visit to Japan, while important, can be made doubly so, if at no distant date, a similar visit is paid to the United States by a body of representative men of that country.

"Before leaving the empire we presented to the five chambers of commerce, through whom we received our invitation to visit Japan, the following resolution, which was signed by all the thirty members of the commission:

"'The honorary commercial commissioners representing chambers of commerce of the Pacific coast of the United States of America, appreciating the sentiments which actuated the chambers of commerce of Japan in extending an invitation to us to visit Japan and realizing that we have met with a reception in this empire from the highest official to the humblest person which has touched us so keenly that we are without words to express the sentiments within us, do respectfully request the high officers of state who have received us, the commercial bodies which have instructed us, the clubs which have entertained us, and the ladies and gentlemen who have opened their homes for our pleasure, to accept a resolution passed at a meeting of the commission, November 4, 1908, as follows:

"'That the friendship and goodwill of the people of the empire of Japan towards the citizens of the United States of America is unquestioned.

"'That the trade relations between the two countries can and ought to be strengthened.

"'That a plan should be adopted by which the commerce between the two countries may be increased and the friendship between the two nations perpetuated.'"

H. BARNATO DEAD.

"BUSKER," DIAMOND KING, AND MILLIONAIRE.

Mr. Harry Barnato, the South African millionaire, brother of the late Mr. Barney Barnato, and one of the heads (with Solly and Jack Joel) of the great house of Barnato Brothers, died on 30th Nov. at his house in Upper Hamilton-terrace, W., of cerebral paralysis.

The original name of the Barnatos was Isaacs. Harry and Barney went out to the South African goldfields together, and began to earn their living as "buskers," Harry doing sleight-of-hand tricks and Barney giving recitations.

One of Harry's sisters made a marriage which proved of considerable import to the Empire. She married Mr. Joel Joel, landlord of the King of Prussia, and her two sons were Mr. Jack and Mr. Solly Joel. Another sister, Betsy, married Mr. Issy Nathan, whose sister Polly kept a fried fish shop in Petticoat-lane.

Like his nephews the Joels, Harry was greatly interested in the Turf, and owned in his time some very successful horses, notably Sir Geoffrey, which won the Lincoln Handicap.

He was also the hero of one of London's most famous "freak" dinners. After the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese war he entertained twelve other millionaires at the New Gaiety. The Duke of Connaught Rooms were got up to represent a scene on the veldt. The floor was covered with sand; boulders, quartz, veldt-carts, and bags of gold-dust were strewn about and a miners' tent stood in the middle, with a rough wooden wash-hand stand beside it bearing the notice, "Please wash your hands before sitting down to eat." The banqueting hall was a representation in little of Port Arthur and the waiters were made up as Boers and Kaffirs.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th of January, 1909, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th of January, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 10th of January, 1909, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
MELCHERS & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [5

"BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SURUGA," FROM NEW YORK AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th January will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 30th January, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th January, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 31st December, 1908. [1122

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"NYANZA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed *at their risk* in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 7th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival hereafter which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [4

S.S. "SYDNEY."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex s.s. *Medoc*, and from Bordeaux ex s.s. *F. Morel*, in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 3 P.M., TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 11th January, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 11th January, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 11th January, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. NALIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1909 [9

BANK LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "INVERIC," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, MOJI AND MANILA.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

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DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
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Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [10

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1909. [28

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On December 30, 1908, at Ningpo, to Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Kepler, a daughter, DOROTHY GRISWOLD.

MARRIAGES.

Dec. 3, at Bayswater, the COMTE DE SALGUY, to AUKARETA, daughter of C. Ewens, of Hongkong.

At San Francisco, on the 2nd inst., by the Reverend Dr. Ford, ALBINA LOWE ROBERTSON, eldest daughter of the late James Robertson, of Nairn, Scotland, to HAROLD LEUTHWAITE FLETCHER, of Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, Hongkong, second son of the late Harold Fletcher, of Wavertree, Liverpool. [64

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1909.

SILVER.

The position of the silver market appears to possess the same curious and apparently inexplicable vagaries. In their last report, of the 3rd ult., received by the mail to-day, Messrs. Samuel Montagu & Co. noted the fact that a certain amount of support came from China, and America declined to sell; with the result "bears" became rather nervous, and the quotation re-acted that day to 22¼d. for cash, and 22 3/16d. for two months. This temporary appearance of strength might not be unconnected with the "bear" position of Chinese operators in exchange. Many of these transactions fell due within last year and might call for purchases of silver to cover. These considerations, whilst possibly affecting the price of silver favourably, must exercise but a transient effect. The severe drop in the Chinese exchange cannot fail to stimulate exports from this country; but no immediate result can be anticipated, for not only do trade affairs move slowly in China, but also this is not the season for export; had the fall taken place in June, the effect on trade would have been more marked. Now that the price has returned after five years' interval to almost the lowest on record, the natural question recurs, whether lower prices can be anticipated. Before answering, it is well to observe that the market conditions in February, 1903, and December, 1908, are quite different. At the former period silver had been discarded by successive Governments, and so hopeless was the outlook that there was neither a disposition to retard the sale of the output, nor a speculative inclination to buy. One factor, and one alone, intervened in 1903 to raise and steadily maintain the price for over four years, nearly 50 per cent. above the price in February of that year, and that was, the necessities of the Indian currency. No consideration of the prospects of silver can ignore this element, namely:—that ultimately, though not in the near future, the Indian Government will be forced into the market, as a continuous and almost monopolising buyer. The stocks, so oppressive as they have been of late, would melt like snow, if the price touched a point when moneyed operators chose to come in, and lock up their purchases until the Indian Treasury balances began to unload on a heavy scale. But this is not yet—meanwhile, stocks are heavy, and supplies continue, so that the answer to the question is more a matter of time than price, and there might be much worse investments than a lock up of silver, when the record minimum price has been broken. There is always a class of buyer who will come in and buy at what may appear to him a breaking up price, and the fact that silver has dropped almost continuously from 32⅛d. to 22d. appeals irresistibly to those who like to buy when things are "in the dumps." The price of 22d. has been within ⅛d. of the lowest on record. The ultimate factor in price is the cost of production—a difficult denominator to determine in the case of a metal so largely occurring as a by-product as silver does. Present conditions indicate that production has overtaken consumption; whether the present low price will decrease the one and stimulate the other, the early part of this year will probably make clear.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE German mail of the 2nd December was delivered in London on the 29th ulto.

SUB-LIEUTENANT Jaques has been ordered to join the *King Alfred*, flagship of the China squadron.

THE King has been pleased to approve of Señor Don Lino Clementé Herrera as Consul-General of Panama at Hongkong.

MR. Herbert Chatley, B.Sc., has been appointed Professor in Civil Engineering at the Tang Shan Engineering College, North China.

THE special service cruiser *Hawke*, Captain Arthur H. Oldham, in the Home Fleet, has been detailed to proceed next month from her port to Hongkong with relief crews and ratings for the China Squadron.

ONE of the present sensations of the trade is due to the importation of "Irish" linen goods from Japan. The detail and elaboration of the work are alike astonishing. The prices are even more so.—*Drapers' Record.*

CAPTAIN Martyn Webb, Notts and Derby Regiment, who served with the 1st Battalion at Hongkong and Singapore, has been appointed to the Indian Supply and Transport Department, and will be seconded whilst so employed.

BOOKING of seats for the Philharmonic Concert on 8th instant is proceeding apace at the Robinson Piano Co. Lovers of music who have not yet taken tickets should lose no time in doing so as there will only be one performance.

FOR anchoring their boats in the typhoon refuge at Causeway Bay without permission from the Harbour Master, a number of boat people (35 in all) were fined $1 in the Marine Court this morning. Two of them had to pay $3 each into the Government Treasury.

REWARDS and honours usually bestowed upon princes and high Ministers of state on the occasion of each new year, are not to be given during the coming new year owing to the national mourning. A notification to this effect has been issued by command of the Prince Regent.

JAPAN is continuing to import cats. Recently some thousands were sent from America. Last month 5,000 cats were embarked at Hamburg for Yokohama. It is said that 15,000 are on order to be exported from Germany to Japan to keep down the too numerous rats in the country.

THE *Manila Times* says:—Within a few days the *Tarlac* of the Tabacalera fleet will sail for Hongkong where she will undergo extensive repairs to put her in first class condition after her wreck in southern waters a few months ago. The vessel was put on the ways at Cebu so that she will be dispatched to Hongkong as a thorough overhauling and repairs at the docks there.

THE P. and O. s.s. *Moreo*, which left London on 4th ult., took the following specie for Shanghai:—Bar silver, £70,000.

PRINCE SU, President of the Ministry of the Interior, who has a great admiration for the Russian Secret Service, intends to send a number of his best officers in the Metropolitan Constabulary to St. Petersburg to make a close study of Russian methods, with a view to their introduction into this country.

THE Imperial Household Department has sent in its report concerning the amount of the cost to the Government of the Dalai Lama's stay in Peking. The total expenses incurred, including cost of the presents of the late Emperor and Empress Grand Dowager to the Pontiff, bring up the total bill to nearly Tls. 300,000.

THE gold standard is still as far off as ever, as far as China is concerned. During a recent conference of the Grand Council, a memorial from the Ministry of Finance upon the introduction of a gold standard was discussed but was finally laid on the table, owing to the vigorous opposition of the majority of those present.

GRAND Secretary Chang Chih-tung, who is also Comptroller-General of the Affairs of the Ministry of Education, has issued a circular to the Viceroys and Governors of provinces to dismiss summarily any foreign teacher in the Government schools who may in any way misbehave himself, or act unreasonably towards the scholars.

THE assurance that oversea garrisons are not to be reduced will come as a relief to many. The garrisons of Hongkong, Singapore, and other bases in the Far East are far from being strong, and, in fact, have been cut down to the lowest possible limit commensurate with the discharge of routine duty. In war time these bases would have to be trebled in strength so far as their garrisons were concerned, but where the men would come from is quite another story.

WHILE addressing the jury this afternoon, in the Peak murder case, Mr. H. G. Calthrop, counsel for the defence, had occasion to remark that it would be impossible for a person who was being chased by a pursuer and separated only by about twelve yards to have time to take off his trousers and drop them on the roadside, as was adduced in the evidence. The Chief Justice's reply to this theory was the interesting observation that the trousers might drop themselves.

THE county cruiser *Bedford*, Captain Seymour E. Erskine, will terminate her two years' commission with the China Squadron in February next. She will be kept on the station, and to that end a new crew will be despatched to Hongkong this month, and on arrival here Captain Erskine will pay off the old crew and his successor will recommission the cruiser. Captain Erskine's period of command expires on Jan. 12 next, and also the foreign service of 20 other officers of the *Bedford*.

ON the 24th ult. the Customs Guards made a very smart capture of smuggled opium on board the s.s. *Pitsanuloh* which arrived at Bangkok on the previous evening from Swatow. As the officers were on duty one of them observed a Chinese leaving the vessel with a tin pail of rice in his hands. This aroused some suspicion, and on examination the vessel was discovered to have double bottoms between which was secreted a large quantity of opium. The owner was promptly arrested and the tin bucket taken in charge.

SINCE the appointment by Decree the other day of Princes Tsai Tao and Yu Lang, and H.E. Tieh Liang, of the Ministry of War, as a committee in charge of the safety of the Palace and Organizers of the new Imperial Guards Corps, the utmost vigilance is now kept over the movements of persons entering or leaving the Palace precincts. It is stated that even princes and high Ministers of State personally well-known to the public and to the guards at the Palace gates must now produce their passes for inspection before they are allowed to enter or leave the Imperial precincts.

DETAILS have come to hand of the heavy gunlayers' test in the China Fleet, and the armoured cruiser *King Alfred*, flagship of Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lambton, again heads the results with 150 rounds and 105 hits. The best individual score was that of Chief Petty Officer Jago, with 10 rounds and 10 hits from a 6 in. gun. The *Astræa* is second, with 90 rounds and 31 hits, and the *Bedford* third, with 91 rounds and 65 hits. The cruisers *Kent*, *Monmouth*, and *Flora* have the lowest scores. Altogether 591 rounds were fired, with 365 hits, compared with 655 rounds and 369 hits last year; while the hits per minute averaged 4.56, compared with 4.6 last year.

SIR KING at a meeting of the China Society, held last month in the Canton Hall, London, at which Mr. Ivan Chen, of the Chinese Legation, and H.E. Lord Li Ching Fong, the Chinese Minister, both read most interesting papers on Chinese subjects. Sir Robert Hart, in thanking the speakers for their papers, said "East and West were far from each other, but steamers, railroads, telegraphs—(laughter)—were bringing them closer together every day. Everything was interesting in the relations between those two parts of the world, and each had something to learn from the other. The Chinese were wonderfully intelligent people. They could learn anything and do anything and had a great future before them. Latterly, he believed, Europeans had been going to China even for their amusements. Last year everyone was playing diabolo. That game was all the rage at Peking every day, and had been played there for days innumerable."

The "Fatshan" Incident.

PORTUGUESE CONSUL AND VICEROY CHANG.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SELF-GOVERNMENT SOCIETY.

The *Sheung Po*, of 29th ult., publishes extracts of two communications, which have been exchanged between the Portuguese Consul at Canton and Viceroy Chang Jen-chun, relating to the *Fatshan* incident. We give below free translations of the two documents.

The Portuguese Consul wrote to the Viceroy as follows:—

I find that deaths often occur on board steamers running between Canton and Hongkong, because it is usual for Chinese who are sick to embark on board steamers and return to their native country, and when they die en route report will be made to the Tung Pin Hospital which will attend to their burial. It is to be feared that the present instance is one of the cases of that nature. It was simply because a boy of 15 conceived the idea of making a false accusation against Noronha [the watchman] for kicking a passenger to death and he passed round to the passengers what he had conceived in his mind. The captain at once summoned the boy and questioned him and was exceedingly surprised with his statement. He then asked the passengers, if anyone saw with his own eyes the watchman kick the passenger to death; but no one gave any reply. It is clear that of the witnesses examined by the British Consul-General not a single one was an eye-witness.

The false accusation was only made by this boy of fifteen, and the moment he arrived in Canton he bolted, and there was no means of ascertaining from him how he saw the thing done. Therefore there is no other evidence upon which Noronha can be charged, apart from the false accusation of this boy. False accusation is just like oil on a coat; it spreads all at once. Therefore, those who pretend patriotism to their country say that they saw with their own eyes, and in conjunction with the unlawful Self-Government Society took upon this matter, in which no offence had been committed and which is a matter of ordinary occurrence, as if it were a matter of the greatest moment, with the result that the people in Canton bear hatred against foreigners and Chinese mandarins. The accused had been employed by Messrs. Butterfield and Swire for upwards of twenty years and also discharged his duties well. He could not help having enemies to bring charges against him. As a matter of fact, however, he never once did anything wrong, and was never once charged by anybody. Being a Portuguese subject he should come under the jurisdiction of his Consul, but as the British Consul received your communication calling for an inquiry and as the British Consul thought accused was a British subject, he fixed a date for the hearing. From the evidence of the witnesses for the prosecution it is perfectly clear that they were either bribed or bought by the Self-Government society, or privately coached as to what to say. The evidence for the prosecution, clearly, is a tissue of falsehoods and the evidence given by those on board the steamer who collected the tickets in company with Noronha show up more clearly the false evidence given by the prosecution.

However, let us put aside the false evidence and deal only with the post mortem examination. The examination was twice held by an English doctor at the time, the same doctor that you engaged to hold the examination. If you have any doubt in the English doctor, why should you send him again to hold another examination? You should accept the doctor's certificate without the slightest hesitation. Moreover, there is no other scientific doctor who has argued against the way in which he had conducted the examination. According to the doctor's certificate it is clear that the Chinaman who died on board the *Fatshan* died of natural causes, and that there were no marks of violence. There the matter should end.

If you wish me to hold another trial it will be necessary to procure truthful new witnesses, who shall be examined by me and if the accused is really guilty I will then fix a date for holding a proper trial in Court. However, at the examination in the first instance which is not a Mixed Court inquiry, the local officials are not required to attend; the reporters of the Press and outsiders cannot come and listen. Since the matter is one concerning the life of a Chinese subject and as it is desired to prevent the public from making a pretext to hold discussions you may send an official of Taotai rank who understands French to come and listen, and it will be so much the better if he can understand English as well. During the inquiry, however, the deputy can only take down the evidence; he has no right to examine witnesses; only I myself have the power of a Judge in examining the witnesses. If I find from the evidence that it is a false charge, I should ask you to deal with the parties concerned severely. If the Press should discuss the matter in such a way as to incite the people, or use language offensive to me, they should also be punished. If you comply with the conditions enumerated above, I shall thank you to send an early reply.

THE VICEROY'S REPLY.

Following is a translation of an extract of the Viceroy's reply:—

With regard to the various points raised by you, it appears that you have prejudged the case before you have had a Mixed Court trial. In every respect, you try to exonerate the accused which is unreasonable. I find that Noronha is not the only ticket collector on board the *Fatshan*, and the cause of the present trouble was the accusation of kicking a passenger to death was not given. How was it that [illegible] the evidence [illegible] the [illegible] Consul, the very crime [illegible] Noronha, the very crime

and the accused did not say a word in defence which can be construed as an admission of his guilt. There were discrepancies in the evidence of the Chief Officer and members of the crew. With regard to the post-mortem examination held by a foreign doctor, the Chinese officials cannot accept that. I find in the fourth year of Tung Chi, an Englishman shot and wounded a Chinaman in Hankow. Again, in the eighth year of Tung Chi an Englishman shot and killed a Chinaman. Both cases were decided according to the examination held by the Hanyang district magistrate and Shanghai magistrate. In this case, a Portuguese kicked a Chinaman to death, and the Namhoi magistrate examined the body and found marks of violence. Therefore in accordance with the precedence already established in those two cases, the examination held by the district magistrate should be accepted as proof. As to how the accused should be tried for his offence Article LI. of the Treaty ought to be adhered to whereby Chinese officials should, in conjunction with the Consul, hold an inquiry and see justice done. The two words 'Ui Tung" combined, having been embodied in the Treaty, it will be necessary for the officials of the two countries to sit together and hear the case. Both have the power of examining the witnesses for the prosecution and for the defence. Moreover, in deciding the case, the decision should be a just one. It is only proper that people should be allowed to come to the Court and listen to the proceedings so that the public should be afforded an opportunity of discussing matters thereanent. You pointed out the witnesses for the prosecution as having been bribed or bought. Who are the persons that gave the bribes, and who are the persons that received the bribes? Is there any proof? This should also be inquired into. It will not do to make a false allegation. With regard to the Press, they have the liberty to publish what they hear. Any comments about the case when *sub judice* I have altogether prohibited by my proclamation. This is a side issue and no reference should be made thereto. What you ought to do is to be unbiassed and just; none should be prejudiced by public criticisms.

MARINE COURT.

WILFUL NEGLECT OF DUTY.

In the Marine Court, this morning, before the Hon. Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., Harbour Master, Alfred James Halley, Chief Officer of the s.s. *Empress of Japan*, charged W. Allison, an able-bodied seaman belonging to his ship, with continued wilful neglect of duty on the 3rd and 4th inst.

The Chief Officer stated that on Sunday afternoon (3rd inst.) the defendant was drunk, and in the evening he was unable to come out and do his work. He did not do any work either on Sunday afternoon or evening. On Monday, he was still drunk, and did no work all day. This was in the harbour.

By defendant—Defendant came on deck on Monday morning, but was unable to handle his broom, and created a disturbance among the other men, and witness had him sent below.

By the Court—Defendant did not offer to turn to after that. On Tuesday, he turned to and did his work.

Defendant was ordered to forfeit six days' pay and was further sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour or until the ship sails.

DESERTING A SHIP.

In the same Court, Mr. H. P. Bunje, agent for the Asiatic Petroleum Co., Ltd., proceeded against Frank Gehrmann, a seaman of the s.s. *Batoum*, with deserting from his ship on the 3rd inst. Prosecutor produced a letter from the master of the *Batoum* informing him of the desertion.

Defendant stated that he went ashore to get a glass of beer, and when he returned, the ship had gone.

Defendant was ordered to forfeit all effects on board and wages earned and sentenced to one month's hard labour.

BOARDING A STEAMER WITHOUT PERMISSION.

Wong Hing, a servant, and Tau Lam Hu and Li On, boarding house runners, were, at the instance of Policeman M. O'Connor, charged with being on board the s.s. *Catherine Apear* without permission yesterday.

Prosecutor's evidence was to the effect that at 4.30 p.m. yesterday he was on duty on the *Catherine Apear*, when he saw the three defendants on board. He ordered them to go ashore, which they refused to do. When the ship was under way, one of them jumped overboard into the harbour. The ship had to stop and he picked up the man in the water, after which he took the others out of the ship.

The first defendant said he went on board to see some passengers off. He was instructed to go on the ship by his master.

The second and third defendants offered similar excuses.

A fine of $50 was imposed in each case, in default of payment, two months' hard labour.

ALLEGED CRUELTY TO CATTLE.

MASTER OF S.S. "STANDARD."

Captain H. N. Bull, master of the steamer *Standard*, was placed on trial in the criminal court on Saturday afternoon, reports the *Manila Times* of 28th ult., charged with cruelty to animals in not making proper provision on his vessel for animals in transportation to Manila from the China coast.

The complaint alleged that seventeen animals died and were thrown overboard during the trip, fifteen animals arrived in Manila with their legs broken, and three were found dead on board ship on arrival in this port; there were no stalls on the ship and no provision had been made for protection to the cattle.

The question of jurisdiction was raised by the defence on the grounds that the ship flies the Norwegian flag and that the cattle in question were embarked as a foreign port.

The court took the matter under advisement.

Rat Destruction.

A HUMANITARIAN APPEAL.

HON. MR. HEWETT'S PLEA FOR PLAGUE-INFECTED RODENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

5th January, 1909.

SIR,—We have heard a great deal lately as to the necessity for destroying rats and mice with a view to decreasing the spread of bubonic plague and other ills and I presume we are all agreed as to the wisdom of this step.

The point to which I would desire to direct the attention of your readers, however, is the manner in which these animals are destroyed.

After luncheon to-day I met a servant with a cage containing a rat just captured. I asked how it was to be killed and he informed me that the custom was to put the rat into boiling water.

I appealed to one of the officials of the establishment and then learned that this was the customary manner of killing the rats.

Fortunately two of his superiors appeared on the scene at this moment and instructions were at once given that in future all rats and mice should be drowned in cold water.

No doubt all householders here are endeavouring to keep down the rats in their houses, but probably few know how these unfortunate creatures when captured are destroyed, and my experience of this afternoon appears to justify my bringing the matter before the public.

The usual custom among a certain class of servants is to amuse themselves by taking a kettle of boiling water, slowly pouring this over the wretched little animal while still in the cage, enjoying its agony as it runs from side to side endeavouring to escape the torture inflicted. Another favourite form of killing rats is to soak them in kerosine oil and then set fire to them. I have personally obtained convictions here and elsewhere against servants (not my own I am glad to say) for killing rats by these methods.

I would now appeal to your readers to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that any rats or mice caught on their premises be humanely destroyed.—Yours truly,

EDBERT A. HEWETT.

RACING TOPICS.

Before proceeding to give the few times which I "clocked," this morning, it would be as well that I should mention that Kandahar Chief has been sold for $300 to Mr. E. J. Jordan; while Camechick was bought by an officer of The Buffs for the handsome price of $350.

This morning, several gallops took place. Mr. H. N. Mody's black covered the three-quarter mile distance in 1.45, last quarter 33.

Mr. D. Macdonald's roan, one and a half miles, 3.37, last quarter 36, "boy" on top.

Mr. Armstrong's "sub" (Gegg in the pig-skin), with Mr. Macdonald's grey, went the mile and a half, the distance being covered in 3.47, last quarter 34.

Soudan (Gegg up) together with Mr. Christiani's and Mr. Mody's "subs," were punished with the three-quarter mile distance, which was covered in 1.45.

RIDING BOY.

"THE GEISHA."

LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE.

"The Geisha" was staged for the second time last night at the Club Lusitano by the Portuguese Lilliputians and was attended by a large portion of the British and foreign residents of the Colony, who availed themselves of the members' hospitable invitations to witness the unique interpretation of the popular musical comedy. The performance met with the same success as as that on Saturday night, and during the evening, encores and floral tributes were numerous.

KULANGSU (AMOY) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council, held at the Board room, on the 15th December, 1908.

Present—Messrs. W. H. Wallace (chairman), J. S. Fenwick, Huang Ta-an-chew, S. Okuyama, W. Wilson, the Health Officer and the Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The list of persons qualified to vote at meetings of ratepayers, published annually, was read, approved and passed for publication.

It was decided to request Mr. D. M. Mickie, and Mr. Huang Ta-an-chew, the Chinese member of the Council, to jointly inspect the new Municipal buildings, and decide what was a just and fair amount the contractor should receive as a final payment on account of his contract.

A letter was read from Mr. Lim Kui Siong complaining that his property at San-ku-chau had been over-assessed. He was to be informed that he could either refer the case to Revd. G. M. Wales, the gentleman nominated by the Chinese ratepayers as their representative on the Land Commission, or the Council would refer the case to the Land Commission as a whole. In the meantime, as his contention could not be taken as an excuse for not paying his taxes, he was to be requested to forward a cheque for same without delay.

The tenders for 1909 night soil contract were opened and considered. Subject to satisfactory reference being given, the tender of Kho Pek Song for $1,850 was accepted.

The Supt. of Police reported the Mixed Court as still closed on account of official mourning. (Signed) W. H. WALLACE, Chairman.

By order,

O. BERKELEY MICKIE, Secretary.

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

YUAN SHIH-KAI.

DETAINED AT PEKING.

[*By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."*]

Peking, 5th January.

On the 3rd inst., Yuan Shih-kai was to have taken the Express train to proceed to his native place, but as soon as he arrived at the railway station he was stopped from proceeding by officers acting under instructions from the Central Government.

SEVERE DENUNCIATIONS.

TWENTY CHARGES AGAINST YUAN.

[*By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."*]

Peking, 5th January.

Censor Kong Chun-lum has, in a memorial, denounced Yuan Shih-kai severely.

He has formulated twenty charges against the ex-Grand Councillor.

NO VISITS.

CHANG CHIH-TUNG REFUSED INTERVIEW.

[*By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."*]

Peking, 5th January.

On the 2nd inst., after the issue of the Imperial Decree ordering the retirement of Yuan Shih-kai, Chang Chih-tung and Luk Tsim-lum, on leaving the office of the Grand Council, proceeded to call on Yuan Shih-kai, who refused to see them.

PRINCE CHING.

PROSPECTIVE RETIREMENT.

[*By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."*]

Peking, 5th January.

The moment Prince Ching heard of the retirement of Yuan Shih-kai he applied for sick leave.

It is reported that it is his intention to withdraw from participation in State affairs altogether.

PROVINCIAL VICEROYS.

CONFIDENTIAL TELEGRAMS FROM YUAN SHIH-KAI.

[*By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."*]

Peking, 5th January.

On the 2nd inst., after the promulgation of the Imperial Decree concerning himself, Yuan Shih-kai despatched confidential telegrams to certain Viceroys and Governors.

HSU SHI-CHANG.

DENOUNCED BY A CENSOR.

Peking, 5th January.

A certain censor has denounced Viceroy Hsu Shi-chang.

The Central Government has deputed certain officials to investigate the charges.

A DENUNCIATORY MEMORIAL.

PRINCE IMPLICATED.

[*By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."*]

Peking, 5th January.

In his memorial denouncing Yuan Shih-kai, Kong Chun-lum made reference to the coup d'etat in Peking (1896) wherein a certain Prince was implicated.

FEELING AGAINST YUAN SHIH-KAI.

THREE TIMES DENOUNCED.

[*By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."*]

Peking, 5th January.

The various censors in Peking have denounced Yuan Shih-kai three times, employing strong language in their indictments.

EX-VICEROY SHUM.

PROBABLE VICEROY OF CHIHLI.

[*By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."*]

Peking, 5th January.

It is the intention of the Central Government to transfer Yuan Hsi-sheung to Peking and to appoint in his place Shum Chun-hsen (ex-viceroy of Canton) as Viceroy of Chihli.

CHINESE BANK NOTES.

FOREIGN MINISTERS' REPRESENTATIONS.

[*By courtesy of the "Sheung Po."*]

Peking, 5th January.

The Foreign Ministers in Peking have notified the Waiwupu that Chinese Bank notes in circulation are becoming more numerous and that the Chinese Government must guarantee them before they can be accepted.

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE.

PUBLICATION OF STRAITS REPORT.

The *Singapore Free Press* writes editorially:—The warning that was telegraphed home from Singapore, that the delay in the publication of the Straits Opium Commission Report was believed to be in deference to political purposes, especially to the hindering of Hongkong from obtaining any knowledge of the recommendations of the Commissioners, has, we are glad to see, attracted notice at home. It may be presumed that the Colonial Office, on being consulted by Reuter, inspired that agency to declare that that belief in the Straits was "unfounded." The point is that it exists very generally, and the official tone of the disclaimer, rather if anything, tends to accentuate that belief. The Singapore theory has at any rate seemed so plausible to the public in London, which is not inclined to take the opium agitation at its own face value, that it is telegraphed to Hongkong that opinion in London endorses the Singapore hypothesis, namely that Hongkong being kept in ignorance of the Straits Report—this probably not in accordance with the views that were as nearly as possible dictated to the Commission in the reference that was to guide its investigations—it will be possible to deal with these Crown Colonies *seriatim* without either of them being permitted access to the Straits Report.

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are waking up to the danger, but from what we have read that danger is not yet fully apprehended. The delay in action on the part of the Secretary of State, so distasteful to the agitation mongers, may be, and likely is simply the result of the dread of the scandal that would ensue if any action were precipitated before the publication of the proceedings of the international Conference at Shanghai. But we cannot too emphatically insist that the slight delay in hostile action against the Crown Colony revenues, is as nothing compared with the danger underlying the inexcusable suppression of a Report, that could be issued here to-morrow for at least limited local consumption at an hour's notice. As regards publication, in its technical sense, it would be quite sufficient to meet the requirements, if a copy were issued here to each member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, to the press of the Colony and of the Federated Malay States, and to the Resident General and British Residents of the Malay States. A copy should also be handed to the Secretary of the Singapore Branch of the Straits Settlements Association. Further, for the information of each member of the International Shanghai Conference the requisite number of copies should be handed to the chief British member, Sir Cecil Smith, on his passing through Singapore for Shanghai. In addition to that several copies should be placed at the disposal of the Hongkong Government, the Registrar-General at Hongkong and the Hongkong press. Until that is done we shall take leave to draw our own conclusions as to the motives of the Colonial Office in its wanton suppression of a report, whose conclusions have a direct bearing upon the fate of half of the revenue of this Colony. If we were to conceive a complete reversal of the conditions, and imagine that the Governor-in-Council here in the Straits Settlements had it in his power to determine a policy that would affect the revenue of the United Kingdom by half, say a matter of £72,000,000, and were to suppress for an indefinite time essential information, would there not be a howl from the Home Government and the British public? This of course is a mere *reductio ad absurdum*. But at the same time it is a very exact picture of the relative injury done to this Colony by a malevolent prolongation of an entirely gratuitous state of suspense. The Hongkong papers derive some comfort from the delay in action. We think that temporary reprieve is utterly insignificant when put beside the ominous fact of the deliberate suppression of the Straits Report. That shows that the Colonial Office and the Home Government still remain the servile accomplices of

A DISCREDITED AGITATION,

which they dread simply on account of its power of appeal to public Pharisaism, which is just as strong now as it was nineteen hundred years ago. The avidity with which exaggeration is resorted to, and the anxiety to suppress truth are the marks of the breed. Hence the agony of irritation amongst the anti-opium clique at-home when it became known that it had been proved to demonstration that Mr. Clementi's conclusion that no more than 2 per cent of the population of China were regular opium smokers, was beyond impeachment. The confusion of the agitation may be measured by the laughably feeble attempt made by so practised a controversialist as Mr. Joseph Alexander, the Secretary of the principal anti-opium organization, to confute Mr. Clementi in the columns of this journal. It was impossible to be otherwise than compassionate over the collapse of so windy and portentous an imposture. We wonder if Mr. Alexander could tell us whether more than 2 per cent of the British population of the United Kingdom are regular consumers of beer or spirits? When you size it up that way it is possible very exactly to get the measure of that agitation to which a Radical Government has kow-towed in such abject fashion. Now everything at

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is to turn on the genuineness or no of the Chinese Imperial Government in regard to the suppression of the cultivation of the poppy throughout its provinces. And perhaps more upon the attitude of the Provincial Viceroys. And yet still more on the local officials, who are the men who have the real control. We have seen too many edicts that could have been only issued with the tongue in the cheek, to put full faith in assurances for which one condition is to be the extinction of the import of opium into China. The commanding fact is that China is the principal opium producing country in the world, and that if it can only acquire a monopoly of that production by the denial of entrance to the foreign-grown commodity, the Chinese provincial governments will possess, if they choose, a very powerful agency for the raising of revenue. Those who know the Chinese official character best will be able to say whether all this power of raising revenue will be abandoned with alacrity just to please the whim of the "Foreign Devil" Governments.

SUBSTITUTE FOR OPIUM.

MORE POWERFUL EFFECTS PRODUCED BY MORPHIA.

Monthom Pukat is, we believe, not the only district in the Malay Peninsula where a tendency has been noted among the Chinese to give up opium smoking for the more dangerous form of intoxication produced by injections of morphia. Siam in fact is only following the Straits in taking energetic measures to make the use of such drugs illegal, except in cases where they are prescribed by a doctor.

It has often been argued, continues the *Bangkok Times*, that the well meant efforts to do away with opium-smoking are of doubtful wisdom, if only because something else will take the place of opium and that something else may very well have even more deleterious effects. The reality of this danger is shown by the fact that, before anything has been done to stop the use of opium, smokers in the Federated Malay States and now in the Siamese part of the Peninsula, have found out for themselves the more powerful effects that can be produced by morphia. The pleasant effects of the drug are admitted in the Siamese proclamation, which states that it makes the heart "sabai," and that it is taken as a means to secure happiness (khuam sukh). The frightful effects produced ultimately are, however, only too evident in Pukat, according to the report made by the authorities there, and in view of the temptation to buy brief happiness at too great a price, the only remedy that a Government can safely apply is prohibition.

China is making some efforts to exclude morphia, but it is believed to be smuggled into the country in considerable quantities. Possibly the Opium Commission will help to secure united action by the Powers to protect the Far East from such dangerous drugs. Opium smoking presents a sufficiently difficult problem in itself without these additional evils.

P. AND O. STEAM NAVIGATION.

SIR THOMAS SUTHERLAND ON BRITISH TRADE.

There was a large gathering of shareholders to hear Sir Thomas Sutherland's statement at the annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Company on the 11th ult.

His tone was grave as he referred to the fact that the trade of the world was passing under a cloud, and that the great shipping industry had suffered accordingly. Great fleets of ships had been laid up in the various ports of the United Kingdom for some months past, and the state of affairs was emphasised when they remembered that there was a great amount of tonnage laid up in the East, particularly Bombay and Calcutta, it being found utterly impossible to procure homeward cargoes of any description whatever, or at any possible rates. The P. and O. Company had their full share of this depressing state of affairs, but he thought they had emerged as satisfactorily as could possibly be expected under the circumstances.

Sir Thomas went on to refer to the mail contract concluded with the Government in February last. The terms were more arduous than ever before, he said, and it was too early to say whether it would eventually turn out profitable to the company or not. Since they had patched up their quarrel with the German lines, they had obtained better revenue returns from India, but the homeward freights could only be described as "simply miserable." From a moral point of view he rejoiced at the decline in the opium traffic, but as a shipper he deplored it. (Laughter.) He urged the Government to watch this trade, as he believed that opium was as needful to the temperament of the Chinese as beer was to the English.

What was the prospect of trade in the future? asked Sir Thomas, in conclusion. He was of opinion that if there was a betterment it was very slight, but expressed the belief that an automatic improvement would continue.

PROTECTION IN RUSSIA.

FREE PORTS CLOSED.

St. Petersburg, December 9

The Duma to-day considered the bill introduced by the Minister of Commerce for the closing of the free ports in the Amur and Transbaikal territories. The supporters of the bill urged the closing of the free ports as speedily as possible, in order that an end might be put to the peaceful conquest of the country by foreigners. The opponents of the measure alleged, on the contrary, that no such conquest need be feared.

M. Shipoff, Minister of Commerce, said that the linking-up the Far East with the centre of Russia by means of railways, and the tranquillity which had set in after the war period made the abolition of the free ports an opportune step. It was in every way necessary for the revival of Russian commerce and industry.

M. Kokovtsoff, Minister of Finance, said that even the opponents of the measure admitted that merchandise to the value of from 15 to 20 million roubles (£1,500,000 to £2,000,000) was imported through Vladivostok every year, which meant that Russian products to that amount were excluded from Russian markets.

The expenditure of 300,000,000 roubles (£30,000,000) on the Amur Railway was not to be regretted, as the line would give Russia direct communication with the Pacific Ocean, and all the money laid out, or at least a portion of it, would be returned.

The bill was adopted by an overwhelming majority—Reuter.

THE Ministry of Finance is considering a scheme to keep the supervision of the salt gabelle and the collection of the salt revenue entirely in the hands of that Department, and not as hitherto, in the hands of the Provincial authorities. This step, we may remark, is in accordance with the grand scheme of centralising the power in Peking and not in the provinces.

TRAGIC INTERVIEW.

SHIP'S OFFICER SHOT IN SAIGON HOTEL.

ASSASSIN SURRENDERS TO THE POLICE.

Saigon papers bring news of a tragedy which occurred at the Maride Hotel at Saigon, on December 17, M. Berreste, second officer of the steamer *Donai*, being shot fatally. It appears that M. Berreste went to interview a lady staying at the hotel for whom he said he had commissions from her husband who is now in Siam—Mme. de Roqueville.

They had not been in conversation for long before an individual entered the room in which they were conversing. Shots were heard and a man, known by the name of Surnom, was seen leaving the place. This man said that Berreste had tried to strike him, and then left the hotel.

M. Berreste afterwards appeared; he was terribly wounded and sank to the floor lifeless. Mme. de Roqueville also appeared later covered with blood and scarcely able to stand. The victims were placed in a rickshaw and taken and to the hospital where it was found that Mme. de Roqueville had been seriously wounded in the left breast and the palm of the hand. M. Berreste had received two revolver wounds which had killed him almost at once.

The assassin surrendered himself to the authorities to whom he made a statement to the effect that his two victims owed him money and had refused to pay. According to *L'Opinion*, M. Berreste was an extremely popular officer; and it is hoped that Mme. de Roqueville will make a speedy recovery.—*Straits Times*.

TROOPS AND TYPHOONS.

HONGKONG ALLEGES EXAGGERATION IN "TRUTH."

On September 23, I called attention to the discomfort and inconvenience occasioned by quartering one of the two Indian infantry regiments now stationed at Kowloon in "mat-sheds," which are liable to be blown down whenever a typhoon occurs.

This is a frequent occurrence in that part of the world, says *Truth*, and it was stated in the paragraph that the mat-sheds have to be reconstructed on an average twice or three times a year. I am now told in a letter from Hongkong that this is an exaggeration, and on an average the regimental quarters are not blown away more than once a year. This correction does not seem to me to amount to much. Possibly it may be cheaper to build a new range of mat-sheds once a year than to build stone barracks which would last for an indefinite period; but the economy is not sufficient to justify the exposure of troops to the consequence of having their quarters blown away once a year, with the result that two regiments have to be crammed for some time into barracks only intended to hold one.

HIGH SCHOOL FOR CHINESE.

At a meeting in Berlin of the Executive Committee of the German Colonial Society held on December 9 under the presidency of Duke John Albert of Mecklenburg, Admiral von Tirpitz (Minister of Marine) announced that the Government intended to establish at Kiaochau a high school for Chinese, at a cost of 600,000 marks (£30,000) with a recurrent expenditure of 150,000 marks (£7,500) per annum.

The Minister stated that the view prevailed in China that a thorough reform of the school system was a necessary preliminary to the modernisation of the State's methods of government. The Chinese Government has shown its sympathy with the project by expressing its readiness to support the new school both by a subsidy and by the provision of suitable scholars, and by admitting scholars from the German school to State examinations and to posts under the Chinese Government.

The German Government, Admiral von Tirpitz added, desired to create a commercial high school as a basis for technical and medical schools, and for institutes for political economy, forestry, and agriculture, to be founded later.—*Reuter.*

COMMERCIAL.

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Do. demand	2/8⅝
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India T.T.	30½
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Shanghai—Bank T.T.	75½
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Java—Bank T/T	80 5

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4 months' sight L/C	2 9½
4 months' sight L/C	1.95
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	43⅝
4 months' sight do.	44⅜
30 days' sight Sydney & Melbourne	1.95
4 months' sight France	2.22½
6 months' sight "	2.24½
4 months' sight Germany	1.82
Bar Silver	35 5/16
Bank of England rate	3½ %
Sovereign	11.48

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—

	Per picul
Patna New	$ 2,120/1,250
Old	$ 2,260/1,900
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Old	$ 1,160
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NOTICE.

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A. GREGORY,
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Hongkong, 6th January, 1909. [66

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Hongkong, 6th January, 1909. [67

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Hongkong, 6th January, 1909. [68

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship "DELHI," Captain J. D. Andrews, R.N.R., will leave for SHANGHAI, TO-MORROW, the 7th inst. at 5 P.M.

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Hongkong, 6th January, 1909. [4

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Mr. HANS AUGUST SIEBS and Mr. EUGEN SIEBERT have this day been admitted as partners in our firm.

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Shanghai, Hongkong & China, 1st January, 1909. [53

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MR. PERCY TESTER has been appointed LOCAL MANAGER of the above Company's HONGKONG BRANCH from this date.

W. H. TRENCHARD DAVIS, Manager for China.

Shanghai, 1st January, 1909. [54

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1909. [55

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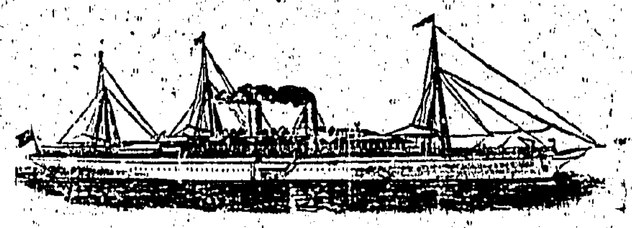

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E. A. HEWETT,
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Hongkong, 26th December, 1908. [4

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will be despatched for the above Ports about end of January, 1909.

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Hongkong, 5th January, 1909. [63

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Hongkong, 2nd January, 1909. [58

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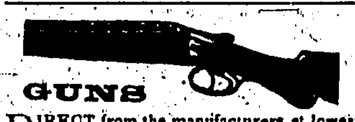

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which may certainly rank with, if not take place of, some of the discoveries of our day, about which so little attention and notice have been made, and the continued demand for the remedy demand that has been created for this medicine, and increased appears to prove that it is destined to exist into children of those generations remedy that now frequently the only [illegible]

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

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BUTCHER MEAT.		Cents.
Beef sirloin & prime cut—Mei Lung Pa	lb	18
" Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk	"	18
" Roast—Shiu " "	"	18
" Breast—Ngau Lam	"	15
" Soup, Tong Yuk	"	15
" Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa	"	18
" " Sirloin—Ngau Lau	"	28
" Sausages,—Ngau Yuk Chang	"	26
Bullock's Brains— " Know	per set	10
" Tongue fresh—Ngau Li	each	50
" " corned—Ham Ngau Li	"	58
" Head—Ngau Tau	"	80
" Heart—Ngau Sum	per lb	12
" Hump, Salt—Ngau Kiu	"	18
" Feet—Ngau Keok	each	7
" Kidneys—Ngau Yiu	"	10
Tail—Ngau Mei	"	17
" Liver—Ngau Con	lb	12
" Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To	"	7
Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau-chai-tau-keok	set	$1.00
Mutton Chop—Yeung Pai Kwat	lb	22
" Leg—Yeung Pei	"	22
" Shoulder—Yeung Shau	"	20
Pigs' Chitlings—Chi cheong	"	22
" Brains—Chi Know	per set	2
" Feet—Chi Keok	"	11
" Fry—Chi Chak	"	25
" Head—Chi Tau	"	15
" Heart—Chi Sum	each	8
" Kidneys—Chi Yiu	pair	7
" Liver—Chi Kon	lb	24
Pork, Chop—Chi Pai Kwat	"	18
" Corned—Ham Chu Yuk	"	—
" Leg—Chu Pei	"	23
" Fat or Lard—Chu Yau	"	17
Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tau Keok	set	50
" Heart—Yeung Sum	each	6
" Kidneys—Yeung Yiu	"	10
" Liver—Yeung Con	lb	22
Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai	"	22
Suet Beef—Sang Ngau Yau	"	20
" Mutton—Sang Yeung Yau	"	24
Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk	"	20
" Sausages—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong	"	20

POULTRY.		
Chicken—Kai Chai	lb	28
Capons, Large, Small—Siu Kai	"	28
Ducks—Ap	"	17
Doves—Pan Kau	each	18
Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan	per doz.	20
Fowls, Canton—Kai	lb	30
" Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai	"	28
Geese—Ngo	"	20
Geese, Wild Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Ye Ngo	pair	$1.25
Musk Deer—Wong Keng	each	$4.50
Hare—Tu Chai	"	60
Partridge—Che Khoo	"	50
Pheasant—Shan Kai	pair	$1.65
Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kup	each	28
" Hoihow—Hoihow Pak Kup	"	23
Quail—Um-Chun	"	22
Rice Birds—Wo Fa Cheuk	dozen	75
Snipe—Sa Chui	each	24
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung	per lb	60
" Hen— " " Na	"	45
Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sui-ap	pair	$1.25
Teal, Shanghai, Sui Ap Chai	"	50
Wild Ducks Canton—Sang Shing Sui Ap	per pair	95

FISH.		
Barbel—Ka Yu	lb	16
Bream—Bin Yu	"	10
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	"	13
Carp—Li Yu	"	16
Catfish—Chik Yu	"	10
Codfish—Mun Yu	"	15
Crabs—Hai	"	16
Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu	"	10
Dab—Sa Mang Yu	"	12
Dace—Wong Mei Lun	"	10
Dog Fish—Tit Tu Sa	"	8
Eels, Conger—Hai Man Yu	"	12
" Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu	"	9
" Yellow—Wong Sin	"	18
Frogs—Tien Kai	"	35
Garoupa—Sek Pan	"	35
Gudgeon—Pak Kup Yu	"	11
Herrings—Tso Pak	"	17
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Yu	"	18
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	"	13
Loach—Wu Yu	"	35
Lobsters—Lung Ha	"	18
Mackerel—Chi Yu	"	12
Monk Fish—Mon Yu	"	18
Mullet—Chai Yu	"	13
Oyster—Sang Hoo	"	18
Parrotfish—Kai Keng Yu	"	16
Perch—Tan Loo	"	15
Pike—Ya Paw Poong	"	10
Plaice—Pan Yu	"	18
Pomfret, Black—Hak Chong	"	18
Pomfret, White—Pak Chong	"	21
Prawns—Hay Ha	"	15
Rabbit—Tu Sa	"	8
Rock Fish—Sek Kau Kong	"	10
Roach—Chun Yu	"	20
Salmon, (Fresh) Sauk water—Ma Yue	"	20
Yue	"	20
Shark—Sa Yu	"	8
Skate—Po Yu	"	8
Shrimps—Ha	"	22
Snapper—Lap Yu	"	18
Soles—Tat Sa Yu	"	17
Teach—Was Yu	"	14
Turbot—Cho Hew Yu	"	17
Turtles, small, fresh water—Kook Yu	"	45
White Bait—Ngau Yu Chai	"	12

FRUITS.		
Almond—Hung Yan	lb	28
Apples, (California)—Kam San Ping Ko	"	26
" (Chefoo)—Tin Chun Ping Ko	"	15
" Small—Hoi Tong	"	—
" Custard—Fan Lai Chi	each	—
Bananas, fragrant, Canton—Sang Sheung Heung Chiu	lb	5
" (brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu	"	6
Chestnuts, Chinese—Foong Lut	"	10
Carambola—Yeung Tou	"	—
Cocoanuts—Yeh Tis	each	10
Grapes—Sin Tai Tss	lb	50
Lemons, China—Ning Moong	"	6
" Amer.—Kum San Ning Moong	"	6
Lichees, Small Stone—Lai Chi Con	"	24
" Fresh, Lai Chi	"	—
Limes, (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ning Moong	each	6
Mango, Manila—Lui Sung Mong	"	—
Mango, Saigon—Sai Kung Moong	"	—
Mangosteens, San Chuk Tss per 100	"	—
Oranges, Tim Chang	lb	10
" Small—Tai Kut	catty	—
" Mandarin—Tim Kut	"	—
Olives—Pak Lam	lb	8
Passion Fruit	each	—
Pears, (American)—Kam San Shut Li	lb	10
" (Canton), Cooking—Sa Li	"	14
" (Shanghai)—Sheung Hoi Li	"	18
Peanuts,—Fa Sang	"	10
Persimmons, Large,—Hung Chie	"	—
Pine-apples, 1st quality—Sheung Poon Ti Paw-law	each	1
" and cooking—Chung-tang Paw-law	"	6
Plantains—Tai Chiu	lb	3
Plums, Swatow—Hung Lai	"	—
Pumelo, Siam—Chim Lo Yau	each	10
Walnuts, Hop Tou	"	12
" Green—Sang Hop Tou	"	—
Shanghai Lo Kwat	lb	10

VEGETABLES, &c.		
Artichokes, Shanghai,—Sheung Hoi Ah Chi Chauk	lb	6
Beans, (French) Macao—Oh Moon Pin Tau	"	8
Beans, (French), Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Pin Tau	"	6
Beans, Sprout—Ah Choi	"	4
Beans, Long—Tau Kok	"	—
Beet Root—Hung Choi Tau	each	2
Brinjals, Green—Cheng Yuen Ker	"	4
Brinjals, Red—Hung Ker	"	4
Brassica—Pak Choi	"	4
Bamboo Shoots—Chook Shun	"	3
Cabbage, Chinese, com.—Kai Choy	"	3
Cabbage, Red—Kai Lan Tau	each	12
Cabbage, (Shanghai)—Yeh Choi	"	8
Cane Shoots, bunch—Kan Shun	"	3
Cauliflower, Large size—Tai Yeh Choi Fa	each	20
Cauliflower, Medium size—Cheung Yeh Choi-fa	each	15
Cauliflower, Small size—Sai Yeh Choi-fa	"	10
Carrots—Kam Shun	"	6
Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Choy	"	4
Celery, English—Yeung Kan Choi	"	4
Celery, White—Pak Yeung Kan Choi	"	—
Chillies, Dried—Con Lat Chiu	"	12
" Red—Hung Fa "	"	12
" Green—Cheng Lat Chiu	"	12
Curry Stuff, English—Ka Lee Choi Liu	"	8
Cucumbers—Cheng Kwa	"	2
Pitter Squash—Fu Kwa	"	24
Garlic—Suen Tau	"	8
Ginger, young—Sun Tsz Keung	"	8
" old—Lo Keung	"	8
Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan	lb	20
Indian Corn—Suk Mai	piece	—
Lettuce—Yeung Sang Choi	each	1
Water Chesnuts—Ma Tai	"	6
" Mandarin—Kwei Lum Ma Tai	"	6
Musk Melon	"	—
Mushrooms, Fresh—Sang Cho Kho	"	—
Onions, Bombay—Yeung Chung Tau	"	8
" Green—Sang Chung	"	4
" S'hai—Sheung Hoi Chung Tau	"	8
" Japan—Yat Poon " "	"	—
Okroes—Mo Ker	"	10
Parsley, English—Yeung Un Sai	lb	10
Gradas Pas	"	14
Green Peas—Chang Tau	"	10
Potatoes, Sweet—Fan Shu	"	3
" Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Shu Tsai	"	4
" Japan—Yat Poon Shu Tsai	"	—
" American—Ya Ki "	"	8
" Foochow—Fuk Chan Shu Tsai	"	3
" Macao—Oh Moon " "	"	—
Pumpkin—Toong Kwa	"	3
Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tsai	lb	4
Rhubarb	"	—
Shalots—Coe Chung Tau	"	8
Spinage (Chinese)—Paw Choi	"	4
Spinach—Yin Choi	"	4
Tomatoes—Fan Ker	"	6
Taros—Wu Tau	"	4
Turnips, Pan-ti (Long)—Low Pak	"	3
" English—Yeung Low Pak choi	each	—
Vegetable Marrow—Chit Kwa	"	—
Water Cresses—Sai Yeung Choi	"	6
" Oatmeal—Lau Kok	lb	—
" Lilly Roots—Lin Ngau	"	5
Yams—Tai Shu	"	3
Sago	per pound	—

The prices necessarily vary from day to day, and the Sanitary Board has no power to control settlements to call at the prices quoted.

A. CHATTY,
Secretary, Sanitary Board.

BATTLE OF TSUSHIMA ECHO.

SAVINGS OF DEAD MEN STOLEN

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3.—A dozen persons, chiefly minor employees of the Savings Bank Department of the Ministry of Marine, have just been tried by a jury on charges connected with a great swindle perpetrated after the battle of Tsushima, when sums lying in the saving Bank in the names of dead officers and seamen were embezzled through false documents.

The jury found all the charges proved, but acquitted the prisoners on the ground that they had been the helpless tools of a high official, who has not been brought to account, having fled abroad with the money.—Reuter.

SHIPPING AND MAILS

MAILS DUE

Indian (*Kumsang*) 10th inst.
German (*Luetzow*) 14th inst.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of China* left Vancouver a.m., on 2nd inst.

The I. C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Kumsang* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port yesterday morning, at 11 a.m.

The N. Y. K. s.s. *Ceylon Maru*, Bombay Line, left Kobe for this port *via* Moji on 5th inst., and is expected here on 12th inst.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 6th at 11.55 a.—The barometer has risen moderately over the E. and N.E. coasts of China and E. Japan.

Pressure remains considerably below the normal over S. China, W. Japan and the Loochoos. It is highest over N. China, and relatively low over Tongking and the northern shores of the China Sea.

Fresh N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and light to moderate monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.10 inches.

FORECAST.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, E. winds, moderate to fresh; misty, some rain.

2.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, fresh.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 1.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Hong Wan I, Br. s.s., 2,641, G. Kinghorn, 5th Jan.,—Amoy 3rd Jan., Gen.—Joo Teck Seng.

Den of Ogil, Br. s.s., 2,522, Hemming, 5th Jan.,—Shanghai 2nd Jan., Gen.—H. A. L.

Haitan, Br. s.s., 1,183, J. S. Roach, 6th Jan.,—Foochow via Amoy and Swatow 5th Jan., Gen.—D., L. & Co.

Kalgan, Br. s.s., 1,153, Lewis, 6th Jan.,—Canton 5th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.

Chowtai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, W. Möllerman, 6th Jan.,—Bangkok 29th Dec., Gen.—M. & Co.

Delhi, Br. s.s., 4,783, J. D. Andrews, R.N.R., 6th Jan.,—Bombay 23rd Dec., and Singapore 1st Jan., Mails and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Nord, Nor. s.s., 730, Haraldsen, 6th Jan.,—Wakamatsu 31st Dec., Coal.—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

Indrawadi, Br. s.s., 3,369, W. G. Williams, 6th Jan.,—Foochow 4th Jan., Gen.—J., M. & Co.

Leipzig, Ger. cruiser, 31,200, R. Henser, 6th Jan.,—Tsingtau 2nd Jan.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Hongkong, for Haiphong.
Sui Chong, for Kwong-chow-wan.
Nord, for Canton.
Den of Ogil, for Singapore.
Yochow, for Shanghai.
Fri, for Saigon.
Keongwai, for Swatow.
Liman, for Chinkiang.

Departures

Jan. 6.

Empire, for Australian Ports.
Shoshu Maru, for Swatow.
Singan, for Haiphong.
Taiwan, for Dalny.
Yatching, for Canton.
Woosang, for Canton.
Kansu, for Canton.
Sado Maru, for Colombo.
Hangchow, for Amoy.
Antilochus, for Singapore.
Choysang, for Shanghai.
Furst Bismarck, Ger. flagship, for Saigon.
Tiger, Ger. gunboat, for Saigon.

Passengers arrived.

Per *Haitan*, from Coast Ports—Revs. C. Anour, Messrs. Clements, J. Val, Miss M. Hopun, Dr. and Mrs. Wittenberg and 3 children, and 134 Chinese.

Passengers departed.

Per *Sydney*, for Shanghai, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Desoné and baby, Dr. and Mrs. Mouillac, Mr. and Mrs. Jacquet and children, Messrs. Kermimon, Piédre, Inabate and children, Desmaisons, Lieut. L. W. T. Waller, Mr. A. Piercy, Mr. and Mrs. Nalio and family, Messrs. B. Weill, Molinot, Miss Prudent, Messrs. Charbonnel, Rabadeux, A. E. Glover, Dalas, D. Urmeneta, Rev. P. A. Rober, and Mr. and Mrs. Plel.

Per *Ernest Simons*, for Marseilles, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Caumel, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Carpenter, Mrs. Deldgans, Mrs Suller, Mrs Douarinou, Miss Gsada, Rev. P. Delalande, Rev. P. Geoffrey, Messrs. Elisaroff, Carerre, Mallet, Le Lauze, E. Driessons, A. Campbell, R. Ebruses, Gral, Hanis, Neseux, A. W. Polglase, A. S. Grassick, C. G. M. Nodderman, Ted Callow, S. Tangie, L. Boisaudet, Joffroy, Bauer, J. Deloins, Delaze, Deignay, Nalgow, Hossain, A. G. Hopper, W. G. Stevenson, Decressonniere, E. Bos, J. W. Taylor, Merienni, Desseryne, J. H. Carroll, E. C. Wakefield, A. Westhoff, H. Kingston, L. Lausgord and Burjorjee.

Per *Sado Maru*, for London—Capt. Y. Kurakawa, Messrs. Aberenthy, A. J. Soutor, T. Takahashi, G. Pershad, N. Takao, and Mrs. T. Takao.

Shipping Reports.

Str. *Chow Tai*, from Bangkok:—Fine weather during the whole voyage.

Str. *Den of Ogil*, from Shanghai:—Fine weather moderate monsoon 4th a.m. slight fog.

VESSELS IN PORT.

STEAMERS.

Bourbon, Fr. s.s., 990, Le Bail, 4th Jan.,—Saigon 31st Dec., Rice.—Wo Fat Sing.
Chenan, Br. s.s., 1,450, Wavell, 5th Jan.,—Canton 4th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Childrap, Nor. s.s., 1,102, Nielssen, 1st Jan.,—Swatow 31st Dec., Ballast.—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.
Chip Shing, Br. s.s., 1,199, F. Mooney, 30th Dec.,—Chingwantao 23rd Dec., Chefoo and Weihaiwei 25th, Coal and Gen.—J., M. & Co.
Clara Jebsen, Ger. s.s., 1,103, J. Bendixen, 2nd Jan.,—Swatow 1st Jan., Gen.—J. & Co.
Dakotah, Br. s.s., 2,593, Ross, 21st Dec.,—San Francisco 23rd Nov., Kerosine Oil.—S. O. Co.
Derwent, Br. s.s., 1,562, J. Jenkins, 17th Dec.,—Saigon 12th Dec., Gen.—Man Fat & Co.
Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,039, F. Robinson, R.N.R., 1st Jan.,—Vancouver 10th Dec., and Shanghai 30th, Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
Feiching, Chi. s.s., 980, R. G. Paramore, 5th Jan.,—Canton 4th Jan., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Fri, Nor. s.s., 860, C. Wagle, 17th Nov.,—Manila 13th Nov., Ballast.—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.
Gregory Apcar, Br. s.s., 2,961, S. H. Belson, 4th Jan.,—Moji 31st Dec., Gen.—D. S. & Co., Ld.
Holstein, Ger. s.s., 985, A. Viejahr, 3rd Jan.,—Haiphong 30th Dec., and Hoihow 1st Jan., Gen.—J. & Co.
Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 742, A. Cornelissen, 3rd Jan.,—Haiphong and Hoihow 31st Jan., Gen.—A. R. M.
Inverie, Br. s.s., 3,113, R. J. Howie, 5th Jan.,—Manila 2nd Jan., Gen.—D. & Co., Ld.
Kanchow, Br. s.s., 1,217, Monkman, 4th Jan.,—Canton 3rd Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Kenkon Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,728, T. Takai, 3rd Jan.,—Moji 27th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.
Keong Wai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, J. Köhler, 31st Dec.,—Singapore 23rd Dec., and Hoihow 30th, Ballast.—B. & S.
Knivsberg, Ger. s.s., 646, Henk, 5th Jan.,—Haiphong and Hoihow 4th Jan., Gen.—J. & Co.
Kowloon, Ger. s.s., 1,874, A. Enigk, 5th Jan.,—Mororan 30th Dec., Coal.—H. A. L.
Mainas De Batan, Am. s.s., 1,758, F. Sicvars, 3rd Jan.,—Manila 28th Dec., Ballast.—Order.
Mandal, Nor. s.s., 1,194, E. Ericksen, 25th Dec.,—Swatow 24th Dec., Ballast.—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.
Mandasan Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,246, Shimidzu, 22nd Dec.,—Kutchinotzu 16th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.
Mathilda Korner, Ger. s.s., 1,847, M. Dibbern, 4th Jan.,—Sourabaya 15th Dec., and Samarang 21st, Gen.—J. C. J. L.
Mausang, Br. s.s., 1,644, G. S. Weigall, 30th Dec.,—Sandakan 24th Dec., Timber and Gen.—J., M. & Co.
Minnesota, Am. s.s., 13,323, Chas. Austin, 24th Dec.,—Seattle via Ports 24th Nov., and Shanghai 22nd Dec., Gen.—N. Y. K.
Mongolia, Am. s.s., 8,750, H. E. Morton, 2nd Jan.,—San Francisco 1st Dec., Honolulu 8th, Yokohama 21st, Kobe 22nd, Nagasaki 24th, Shanghai 26th, and Manila 31st, Mails and Gen.—P. M. S. S. Co.
Nord, Br. s.s., 1,145, Prynn, 22nd Dec.,—Anping 20th Dec., Ballast.—Mr. Geo. McBain.
Onsang, Br. s.s., 1,787, Houghton, 5th Jan.,—Cheribon, (Java) 24th Dec., Sugar.—J., M. & Co.
Orange Branch, Br. s.s., 2,197, J. McClelland, 27th Dec.,—Sydney via Ports 17th Nov., Sleepers and Gen.—D. & Co., Ld.
Paklat, Ger. s.s., 1,018, Wenzel, 4th Jan.,—Bangkok and Hoihow 26th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.
Proteus, Nor. s.s., 1,014, C. Möller, 3rd Jan.,—Canton 2nd Jan., Gen.—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.
Rajah, Ger. s.s., 1,210, R. Petersen, 30th Dec.,—Bangkok 21st Dec., Rice.—B. & S.
Rubi, Br. s.s., 1,619, R. W. Almond, 4th Jan.,—Manila 2nd Jan., Hemp and Gen.—S., T. & Co.
Sark, Nor. s.s., 1,450, Wold, 2nd Jan.,—Newcastle 12th Dec., Coal.—A., K. & Co.
Titania, Ger. transport, 1,245, Schnake, 3rd Jan.,—Amoy 2nd Jan.
Wakamatsu Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,778, U. Aikawa, 4th Jan.,—Wakamatsu 30th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.
Wongkoi, Ger. s.s., 1,115, W. Reher, 4th Jan.,—Bangkok 25th Dec., and Swatow 3rd Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Yerimo Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,350, N. Kobayashi, 5th Jan.,—Moji 30th Dec., Coal.—M. B. K.
Yochow, Br. s.s., 1,306, J. H. Brown, 5th Jan.,—Canton 4th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
Yuensang, Br. s.s., 1,128, P. H. Rolfe, 3rd Jan.,—Manila 31st Dec., Gen.—J., M. & Co.

SAILING VESSELS.

Annie E. Smale, Am. 4-masted schr., 809, J. F. Colstrup, 13th Dec.,—Portland, Or., 8th Oct., Lumber.—Mr. Jack.
Lyndhurst, Br. bark, Parnell, 14th Sept.,—Bangkok 25th Aug., Case Oil.—S. O. Co.
Tarang, Br. schooner, 87, Oliver, 7th Dec.,—Palau Island 15th Nov., Iron.—Mr. G. P. Lammert.

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Gregory Apcar ..... " Cosmopolitan "
Haimun ..... " Aberdeen "
Rajah ..... " " "

Ships Passed The Canal.

1st December—*Tranquibar, Soudan, Tonkin, Sumatra.* 4th December—*Bellerophon, Northumberland, Polynesien, Ellen Rickmers, Bayson, Nagara, Silesia,* (Aus.) 8th December—*Benlarig, Glenlochy, Indrani, Prinz Eitel Friedrich.* 11th December—*Suevia, Kleist, Duncallon, Sydney, Liberia, Kamakura Maru.* 15th December—*Andalusia, Montgomeryshire, Perseus, Awa Maru.* 18th December—*Glenstrae, Ganges, Idomeneus, Pekin, Tourane.* 22nd December—*Braemar, Lutzow, Malta, Slavonia, Ville de la Ciotat, Ghazee, Machaon, Prinz Ludwig.* 29th December—*Inverclyde, Bencleuch, Keemun, Polynesien, Saxonia, Pahleng, Kwangawa Maru, Senegambia, Kintuck, Tsamba Maru.* 1st January—*Armand Behic, Nerbudda, Somali, Colombo Maru, Patroclus.* 5th January—*Norman Prince, Vorwaerts, Wray Castle, Banglos, Bombay Maru, Canton, Oopack, Polyphemus, Langbank.*

Arrivals at Home—1st December—*Zieten, Vorwaerts.* 4th December—*Achilles, Oanfa, Alcinous.* 8th December—*Brasilia, Attache Maru, Ping Suey.* 11th December—*Princess Alice, Tsangtusan, Bellerophon, Polynesien, Yuensang.* 15th December—*Hyson, Silesia,* (Ger.) 18th December—*Liberia, Kleist.* 19th December—*Sumatra,* 22nd December—

Kamakura Maru. 29th December—*Perseus, Austria, Glenlochy, Sambia, Suevia, Tourane, Pekin.* 1st January—*Machaon, Prinz Ludwig.* 5th January—*Armand Behic, Monmouthshire, Indrani, Kanagawa Maru.*

Steamers Expected.

Vessels	From	Agents	Due
Capri	Singapore	O. & Co. ...	Jan. 7
Tenyo Maru ...	Shanghai ...	T. K. K. ...	Jan. 8
Benlarig	Singapore ...	G., L & Co.	Jan. 9
Kumsang	Singapore ...	J., M. & Co	Jan. 10
Tango Maru ...	Moji	N. Y. K. ...	Jan. 10
Tjimahi	Macassar ...	J. C. J. L. ...	Jan. 11
Ceylon Maru ...	Singapore ...	N. Y. K. ...	Jan. 11
Awa Maru	Moji	N. Y. K. ...	Jan. 12
Luetzow	Colombo ...	M. & Co ...	Jan. 14
Kageshima M..	Bombay ...	N. Y. K. ...	Jan. 15

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

January 5th, 1909, a.m.

			Bar.	Th.	Hu.	Wind	Wr.
Vladivostock	7	a.m.	30.08	22	57	NW	2 c.
Nemuro	6	a.m.	29.69	—	—	NW	6 —
Hakodate ...		"	29 85	—	—	NW	6 —
Tokio		"	29 87	—	—	W	2 —
Kochi		"	29.91	—	—	SW	2 —
Nagasaki ...		"	29.99	—	—	NW	4 —
Kagoshima...		"	29.96	—	—	N	4 —
Oshima		"	29.97	—	—	S	2 —
Naha		"	29 97	—	—	—	0 —
Ishigakijima.		"	26.86	—	—	S	2 —
Bonin Is.....		"	29 89	—	—	—	0 —
Chefoo.....	6	a.m	30.15	33	69	N	4 c
Weihaiwei ...	9	a.m.	30.18	32	—	NW	3 o
Hankow	6	a.m.	30.22	44	100	NW	1 o
Kinkiang			30.10	46	100	SE	1 or
Shanghai ...	9	a.m	30.06	47	85	NE	1 om
Gutzlaff		"	30.01	50	93	ENE	3 om
Sharp Peak...		"	30.01	61	100	—	0 o
Amoy	6	a.m.	29.96	64	95	—	0 or
Swatow		"	29 94	63	94	NE	1 c
Taihoku		a.m.	29.95	—	—	S	2 —
Taichu.....		"	29 95	—	—	—	0 —
Tainan.....		"	29 93	—	—	N	4 —
Koshun		"	29 91	—	—	E	2 —
Pescadores ..		"	—	—	—	—	— —
Canton.....	9	a.m	29.97	66	100	—	0 or
Hongkong ...	10	a.m.	29.98	65	94	E	4 od
Victoria Peak		"	—	—	—	E	3 —
Gap Rock ...		"	29.94	—	—	E	5 —
Macao.....			29.97	67	—	SE	1 od
Wuchow	9	a.m.	—	—	—	—	— —
Hoihow		"	—	—	—	—	— —
Pakhoi.....		"	—	—	—	—	— —
Phulien	8	a.m.	29.92	66	—	SSE	2 o
Tourane		"	29.92	75	—	—	0 o
C. St. James.		"	29.87	75	—	W	1 or
Aparri	6	a.m.	29.84	—	—	SE	1 b
Manila.....	10	a.m.	29 88	79	76	—	0 o
Legaspi	6	a.m.	29.86	75	—	NE	1 c
Bacolod	9	a.m.	—	—	—	NW	1 o
Iloilo		"	29.87	81	—	N	1 b
Cebu		"	29.85	82	—	N	1 c
Labuan		"	29 83	82	—	—	— —

January 6th, 1909, a.m.

Vladivostock	7	a.m.	30.11	8	70	E	0	b
Nemuro	6	a.m.	29.89	—	—	S	2	—
Hakodate ...		"	30.01	—	—	N	4	—
Tokio		"	29 95	—	—	N	2	—
Kochi		"	29.91	—	—	SW	2	—
Nagasaki		"	30.03	—	—	N	2	—
Kagoshima...		"	30.00	—	—	N	4	—
Oshima		"	29.97	—	—	NW	2	—
Naha		"	29.97	—	—	—	0	—
Ishigakijima.		"	29.93	—	—	NE	2	—
Bonin Is.....		"	29.89	—	—	W	2	—
Chefoo.....	6	a.m	30.26	30	100	N	5	b
Weihaiwei ...	9	a.m.	30.29	30	—	N	2	ovr
Hankow	6	a.m.	30.27	39	91	NE	2	o
Kinkiang.....			30.16	41	92	NE	3	o
Shanghai.....	9	a.m.	30.22	43	92	NE	2	omd
Gutzlaff		"	30.14	47	85	NNE	4	om
Sharp Peak...		"	30.19	60	94	NE	1	or
Amoy	6	a.m.	29 95	66	84	NE	1	o
Swatow		"	29.92	64	95	E	2	c
Taihoku	5	a.m.	29.97	—	—	—	0	—
Taichu.....		"	29 94	—	—	—	0	—
Tainan		"	29.94	—	—	N	2	—
Koshun		"	30.00	—	—	E	2	—
Pescadores ..		"	29 92	—	—	NE	8	—
Canton	9	a.m.	29 95	68	100	—	0	or
Hongkong ...	10	a.m.	29 97	66	96	E	3	o
Victoria Peak		"	—	—	—	SE	6	—
Gap Rock ...		"	29 94	—	—	SE	2	—
Macao		"	29 95	69	—	SE	1	o
Wuchow	9	a.m.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hoihow		"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi		"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	8	a.m.	29.93	68	—	SSW	2	c
Tourane		"	29.92	75	—	—	0	o
C. St. James.		"	29 87	79	—	ESE	2	o
Aparri	6	a.m.	29.90	—	—	S	0	b
Manila	10	a.m.	29 92	82	77	SW	1	o
Legaspi	6	a.m.	29.87	77	—	NE	1	c
Bacolod	9	a.m.	—	—	—	N	1	cr
Iloilo		"	29.87	80	—	NE	1	c
Cebu		"	29.86	83	—	N	1	b
Labuan		"	29 84	80	—	—	—	—

	Jan. 5 at 10 a.m.	Jan. 5 at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.98	29.87
Temperature	65	65
Humidity	94	92
Rainfall	0.10	—

Post Office.

The Cash on delivery system commences on the 1st January, 1909, and applies to Parcels only received from and despatched to the United Kingdom and does not include the Coast Ports of China.

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☞ Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dalny and Siberia:—

14th January, at 8.30 P.M.
21nd January, at 9 A.M.
28th January, at 8.30 P.M.

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A Mail will close for:—

Singapore—Per *Indrawadi*, 7th Jan., 11 A.M.
Singapore and Colombo—Per *Den of Ogil*, 7th Jan., 11 A.M.
Macao—Per *Sui Tai*, 7th Jan., 1.15 P.M.
Chinkiang — Per *Newchwang*, 7th Jan., 3 P.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai—Per *Chenan*, 7th Jan., 3 P.M.
Swatow and Bangkok—Per *Wongkoi*, 7th Jan., 5 P.M.
Bangkok—Per *Rajah*, 8th Jan., 11 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per *Haitan*, 8th Jan., 11 A.M.
Macao—Per *Sui Tai*, 8th Jan., 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta — Per *Gregory Apcar*, 8th Jan., 3 P.M.
Manila—Per *Rubi*, 9th Jan., 10 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Seattle—Per *Minnesota*, 9th Jan., 10 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco, (Will take letters to Europe marked via Siberia)—Per *Mongolia*, 9th Jan., 10 A.M.
Europe, &c., India, *via* Tuticorin—Per *Attaye*, 9th Jan., 11 A.M.
Macao—Per *Sui Tai*, 9th Jan., 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai—Per *Tingsang*, 9th Jan., 3 P.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji—Per *Foksang*, 11th Jan., 11 A.M.
Kobe—Per *Onsang*, 11th Jan., 3 P.M.
Samarang and Sourabaya—Per *Tientsin*, 11th Jan., 3 P.M.
Sandakan—Per *Mausang*, 12th Jan., 11 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per *Haicking*, 12th Jan., 11 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Bombay—Per *Capri*, 12th Jan., 11 A.M.
Manila—Per *Tean*, 12th Jan., 2 P.M.
Shanghai—Per *Hangsang*, 12th Jan., 3 P.M.
Singapore and Sourabaya—Per *Chunsang*, 12th Jan., 3 P.M.
Kobe and Yokohama—Per *Awa Maru*, 12th Jan., 5 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, (B.C.), (Will take letters to Europe marked via Siberia)—Per *Empress of China*, 12th Feb., 6 P.M.
Europe, &c., India, *via* Tuticorin—Per *Dufflinger*, 13th Jan., 11 A.M.
Shanghai—Per *Chipshing*, 13th Jan., 3 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta — Per *Kutsang*, 15th Jan., 11 A.M.
Manila—Per *Yuensang*, 15th Jan., 3 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, (B.C.), (Will take letters to Europe, marked via Siberia)—Per *Empress of Japan*, 15th Jan., 6 P.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, San Francisco and Portland, Or.—Per *Arabi*, 16th Jan., 4 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco, (Will take letters to Europe marked via Siberia)—Per *Tenyo Maru*, 19th Jan., 10 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokkaichi, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle—Per *Tango Maru*, 19th Jan., 10 A.M.
Kobe and Yokohama—Per *Yawata Maru*, 19th Jan., 10 A.M.
Manila—Per *Taming*, 19th Jan., 2 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo — Per *Bingo Maru*, 19th Jan., 5 P.M.
Manila, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle — Per *Kumano Maru*, 22nd Jan., 11 A.M.
Manila, Yap, Fr. Wilhelmshafen, Simpsonhafen, Herbertshohe, Matupi, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide Perth and Fremantle—Per *Prinz Sigismund*, 28th Jan., 4 P.M.
Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per *Changsha*, 31st Jan., 3 P.M.

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Name.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	I.H.P.	Captain.	Last reported at
Alacrity	despatch-vessel	700	4	3,000	Commander C. T. K. Fuller	Canton
Astræa	cruiser, 2nd class	4,360	10	7,000	Captain F. E. C. Ryan	Shanghai
Bedford	cruiser, 1st class	9,800	14	22,000	Captain S. E. Erskine	Hongkong
Bramble	river gunboat	710	6	900	Lt.-Comdr Hon. R. O. B. Bridgeman	Shanghai
Britomart	river gunboat	710	6	900	Lieut.-Commander F. B. Noble	Shanghai
Clio	sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Commander H. L. P. Heard	Shanghai
Cherub	water tank and tug	300	—	300	Master S. West	Hongkong
Clio	sloop	1,070	6	1,400	Commander C. T. Borrett	Hongkong
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	300	6	5,700	Lieut.-Commander A. L. Grayson	Hongkong
Flora	cruiser, 2nd class	4,360	10	7,000	Captain Rowland Nugent	Hongkong
Handy	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4,000	Lieut.-Commander B. J. D. Guy, V.C.	Hongkong
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4,000	Lieut.-Commander Dickens	Canton
Janus	torpedo boat destroyer	280	6	3,900	Lieut.-Commander C. A. Fremantle	Hongkong
Kent	cruiser, 1st class	9,800	14	22,000	Captain G. C. A. Meresceaux	Hongkong
King Alfred *	cruiser, 1st class	14,100	18	30,000	Captain Clinton Baker	Hongkong
Klasha	river gunboat	616	4	1,200	Lieut.-Commander T. J. S. Lyne	Saigon
Merlin	surveying ship	1,970	6	1,400	Commander F. H. Walter	Hongkong
Monmouth	cruiser, 1st class	9,800	14	22,000	Captain G. W. Smith	Woos

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT: RESERVE	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT: AT WORKING ACCOUNT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	AT ROUGHLY RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION, BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	$125	$125	£1,500,000 $14,000,000 $250,000	$2,005,774	Interim of £2 for first half year @ ex 1/9½=$21.042	5½ %	$840 sales. London £82.10/-
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6	£4,009 $150,000	$10,223	$2 (London 9/6) for 1903	5%	$51 —.—
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	$250	$50	$1,560,000 $232,757 $411,990	none	$14 for 1907	7½ %	$195 sellers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	£125,000 Tls. 150,000 Tls. 303,747 Tls. 118,277	Tls. 160,512	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1907	5%	Tls. 104 buyers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	$250	$100	$3,000,000 £90,000 $302,478 £139,695 $727,649	$2,506,011	Final of $15 making $45 for 1906 and interim of $30 for 1907	5%	830 sellers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	$100	$60	$1,000,000 $199,032 $85,157	$591,763	$12 and bonus $3 for 1906	8½ %	$175 buyers
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	$100	$10	$1,000,000 $346,097 $13,802	$374,452	$6 and bonus $2 for 1906	7½ %	$106
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	$250	$50	$1,123,941	$428,027	$27 for 1906	8 %	$125 sellers
SHIPPING.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	$25	$25	$7,000	51,035	$1 for 1906	...	$14
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	$50	$50	$264,638 $99,067	Nil.	$2½ for year ending 30.6.1908	7½ %	$33
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ld.	80,000	$15	$15	$250,000 $587,500 $81,766 $17,655	$127,755	$1½ for first half-year ending 30.6.08	8½ %	$29½ sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ld. (Preferred)	60,000	£5	£5	£10,000	£13,755	6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/9 11/16=$3.154	5%	$37
Do. (Deferred)	60,000			£249,000				$17
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited (Preference)	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 75,000	Tls. 14,510	Interim of Tls. 1½ for account 1908	7½ %	Tls. 47½
Do.	100,000			£23,000	£63,817	Final of 1/- making 3/- for 1907 and interim of 1/- (No. 10) for a/c 1908	7 % 6 %	Tls. 51½ buyers 47/-buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	£1	£1	£10,000				
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	$10	$10	$ 5,000	$98	$1.00 $0.50 for year ending 30.4.1908	4 % 8½ %	$24 $15
	10,000	$10	$5	$47,221				
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 8,30 Tls. 42,479 Tls. 7,000 Tls. 8,000 Tls. 12,000	Tls. 6,869	Final of Tls. 7½ making Tls. 5 for 1907	11 %	Tls. 45
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	$100	$100	$32,538 $56,848	Dr. $279,271	48 for year ending 31.12.06	...	$112½ sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	$100	$100	none	Dr. $135 131	for 1907	...	18 sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none Tls. 100,000	Tls. 9,173	Tls. 3½ for year ending 31.8.06	...	Tls 90 buyers
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ld.	1,000,000	£1	£1	£7,000 £11,289	£11,556	Final of 1/6 (coupon No. 11) for year ending 29.2.08	7 %	Tls. 17½ buyers
	150,000	£1	7/10					
Rob Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	50,000	£1	£1	£4,873	Dr. £2,191	No. 12 of 1/-=48 cents	...	$8½
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	$25	$25	$52,601	$3,726	$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	...	$12
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ld.	60,000	$50	$50	$30,000 $126,806 $40,000	$8,556	Final of $1½ making $3½ for 1907	7½ %	$45 buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ld.	50,000	$50	$50	$76,190 $203,000	$384,847	Interim of $4 for account 1908	8½ %	$90 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ld.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 1,300,000	Tls. 33,742	Interim of Tls. 2½ for 6 months ending 31st October, 1908	6½ %	Tls. 77½ sales
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 607,257 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 125,000	Tls. 12,626	Interim of Tls. 4 for account 1908	6 %	Tls. 140
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ld.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 25,000	Tls. 6,531	Tls. 6 for 1907	6 %	Tls. 100½
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	30,000	$25	$25	$30,000	Dr. 54,200	$2½ for year ending 30.6.07	...	$ 5
Central Stores, Limited	50,125	$15	$15	$1,000	59,178	$1.80 for 1906	...	$14½ buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	$50	$50	$648,975 $22,000	$14,639	Interim of $3 for account 1908	7 %	$84 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ld.	50,000	$100	$100	$250,000	$86,915	Interim of $3½ for account 1908	7½ %	$92 sellers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	$10	$10	$217,426 $50,000	$4,611	70 cents for 1907	7½ %	$9½ sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	$50	$50	none	$653	$2½ for 1907	5½ %	$33 sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 1,523,045 Tls. 170,000	Tls. 197,517	Interim of Tls. 3 for account 1908	7 %	Tls. 120 sellers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	$50	$60	none	$1,541	Interim of $2 for account 1908	9 %	$46
COTTON MILLS.								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ld.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 150,000 Tls. 45,919	Tls. 8,810	Tls. 5 for year ended 31.10.1908	6½ %	Tls. 76 buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	$10	$10	$22,000	59 553	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	5 %	$10 sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 75,000	Tls. 8,372	Tls. 6 for year ended 30.9.06 (8 %)	...	Tls. 67½
Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ld.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	none	Tls. 6,308	Tls. 8 for 1906	...	Tls. 73 sellers
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 28,257	Tls. 50,063	Tls. 50 for 1906	...	Tls. 285 buyers
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/8	12/8	£1,500	£648	1 10½ per share for 1907=$1.037	12 %	38 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	$12	$12	$25,000	Nil.	$1.20 or 1907	11 %	$11
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	$10	$10	none	61,138	60 cents for year ended 28.2.06	...	$5½
Do. Do. special shares	50,000	$1	$1					
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ld.	125,000	$10	$10	$120,000	13 ,93	80 cents for 1907	8 %	$10 sales
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	$7½	$6	$10,000 $8,000	$48	$1.30 for year ending 31.7.08	5½ %	$22½
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	$10	$10	$12,500	15,078	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908	10 %	$9.80 sales
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	$10	$10	$5,000	$252	75 cents for 9 months ending 31.12.07	8 %	$12 buyers
Hall & Holtz, Limited	21,000	$20	$20	$186,000	18,957	$2 for year ending 28.2.08	10 %	$21 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	$10	$10	none	$9,321	$1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 29.2.08	6½ %	$18 buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$25	$25	$120,000	$4,578	Interim of $4 for account 1908	8½ %	$120 sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ld.	60,000	$10	$10	none	$8,191	Interim of $1 for account 1908	8 %	$24
Maatschappij tot Mijn- Bosch- en Landbouwexploitatie in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	Tls. 547,500		4th Quarterly div. of Tls. 10 and bonus of Tls. 10 making $50 to date	5½ %	Tls. 860 buyers
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	$10	$10	Tls. 27,603	Tls. 17,127	80 cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on $1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.08	6 % 4 %	$14 $2
Peak Tramways Company (new)	50,000	$10	$1	$5,000	$7,472			
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	$10	$10	none	NIL	None	...	$8
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	24,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000				
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	Tls. 24,820 Tls. 75,000	Tls. 6,603 Tls. 8,493	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 7½ for 1907	6½ %	Tls. 120 buyers
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	16,350	£20	£20	Tls. 190,000	Tls. 58,332	Final of Tls. 9 making in all Tls. 14 for 1907	12 %	Tls. 123 buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	$25	$25	none	Dr. 5,566 12	Final of 37/6 making 52/6 for 1907	...	Tls. 437½
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	$ 5	$ 5	none	2356	None	...	$24
Tientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 15,295	Tls. 201	40 cents for year ending 31.5.08	8 %	$5
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	50,000	$10	$10	Tls. 4,000	$111	Tls. 6½ for year ending 30.4.07	...	Tls. 94 buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	$10	$4	$35,000		50 cents for 1907	5 %	$10 buyers
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	$10	$10	$300,000	$1,360	80 cents on 9,900 ord. shares and $19.80 on 100 Founders shares for yr. end. 31.5.07	6½ %	$13 buyers
William Powell, Limited	15,000	$7	$7	$25,000 none	$6,488 $3.95	Interim of 30 cents a/c 1908	6½ %	5½ buyers
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1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. ...Every 10 minutes.
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